

## **Deerfield Beach Orchid Society**

## **CATTLEYA CURRENTS**

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## President's Message



Hello Orchid Lovers,

It is always so interesting to me to hear from orchid growers from around the country, and occasionally from other countries, who talk about orchid culture and growing in their region. We have children and grandchildren in the Midwest, and in our visits during different times of the year, we find temperatures range from over 100+ degrees in the summer to minus zero Fahrenheit in the winter. It is fascinating that my perennials, i.e. roses, peonies, daylilies, dianthuses, hostas, and iris come back year after year. I have never tried orchids there although many of my friends and family bring some struggling Phalaenopsis to me to see if they are salvageable.

I remember some of our speakers talked about the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City. Through doing a

little research, I found that the society, founded in 1949, held a meeting in June that we missed and there was no meeting in July. Next summer we will visit to find out how they grow orchids inside due to the extreme temperatures. Always a place for one more orchid!

Of course, being orchid obsessed, the search was on to find out more about where they buy their orchids. Do they order them from growers in different parts of the country, do they buy them from the grocery store, do they buy bag babies, or were there any local orchid growers?

This led me to a fascinating discovery and a short conversation with David Bird of Bird's Botanicals in Kansas City. In 2001, he began growing orchids in a perfect climate, an underground cave 150 feet beneath Kansas City. He had over 10,000 orchids in five different rooms. This underground environment was an ideal situation for the orchids because he could control the light, the humidity, and the temperature. The different rooms he utilized in the cave allowed him to hold some orchids back in a cooler room for Valentine's Day or Mother's Day, and if the orchids were blooming too slowly for a special occasion, he could accelerate the growth by moving them to a warmer room. The caves were large enough that you could drive your car into them. There were many other businesses in the cave. One business owner sold a variety of different mushrooms. Bird was shipping his orchids as well as selling to the locals and orchid enthusiasts from other nearby states.

All of this changed in October 2018 when the cave's owner burned a large pile of trash that had accumulated on top of the cave. Bird said, "Smoke from the fire seeped into his ventilation system and instantly affected the delicate orchids." He estimates that he lost nearly 7,000 plants. He continued, "After watching your plants grow, flourish, and bloom for 16 years, watching them die is about the worst thing you could possibly deal with." We could not arrange to meet this time because I went to the Overland Park Farmer's Market to see him while he was visiting in North Dakota. I plan to go visit him next time we are in the area as he is now operating out of two greenhouses.

Happy Summer!

Cheryl Babcock
DBOS Co-President



Hello Everyone,

#### Joe Ortlieb **DBOS Co-President**

## President's Message

My experience has been that August is traditionally hot and humid with afternoon thunderstorms quite common. The days are becoming shorter and the nights longer, so it is even more important to water your orchids early in the day to allow them to dry. Fungicide and pesticide application is important to prevent damage to the fresh new growth. With all this in mind, WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON WITH THIS WEATHER? This has been exceptionally wet with constant heavy rains all day some days. What more can I say.....fungicide, fungicide, fungicide.....and did I mention fungicide? Space your plants for adequate air movement to allow as much drying between the rains as possible. Pay attention to the foliage to limit splash/drip fungus damage.

On a lighter note, the DBOS Bus Trip to the growers is fast approaching! We are so excited to be traveling to R&R Orchids, Odom's Orchids, Krull-Smith Orchids, and Ritter Tropic Orchids on September 14, 2019. We are not completely sold out yet, but we are getting close. The cost is \$55.00 per person which includes breakfast and lunch on the bus as well as Happy Hour with "adult beverages" and hors d'oeuvres on the bus. On the trip home, we have a very nice plant raffle. Don't miss out on

## this event. Get your money in as soon as you can to avoid being closed out. We look forward to riding the bus with you!



## DBOS Annual Bus Trip—Sept. 14, 2019 Only 10 Seats Left—Register Now!







Last chance to sign up for the annual DBOS bus trip on September 14, 2019 before we open it up to other orchid lovers on August 14. Only 10 seats remaining! If you have been thinking about going, now is the time to reserve your spot.

The bus leaves the Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach at 7:45 a.m. and we return by approximately 9:30 p.m. We start the day with none other than "the Vanda Man," Tony Romani, at R & R Orchids in Loxahatchee, Florida. Prepare for a feast for your eyes and take some of these stunning beauties home with you. Magnificently grown orchids in this orchid paradise for Vanda lovers!

Our next stop is **Odom's Orchids in Fort Pierce, Florida**, which specializes in Cattleya orchids, but they also grow Phalaenopsis, Lady Slippers, Oncidiums, and many species from different genera. Most of their orchids are mature, blooming size plants so if you do not want to wait years for them to bloom be prepared to take a few home to enjoy!

Ready to add another beauty from Krull-Smith Orchids in Apopka, Florida? They are a leading orchid hybridizer in the world for award-quality show plants and have received over 700 quality and cultural awards from the American Orchid Society. You will find something here to love and take home with you from their highest quality species and hybrids of Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas, and Paphiopedilums as well as a wide array of novelty orchids such as Bulbophyllums.

We begin our journey back south with a stop at Ritter Tropic 1 Orchids in Kissimmee, Florida. After a great day of orchid hunting for those must-have orchids, we stop to see what final orchid treasures we can find from Linda Ritter and her daughter. Vanda's, Cattleya's, Dendrobium's, Encylia's and more await you at this stop so find room to add a few more orchids!

Breakfast, lunch, and Happy Hour adult beverages and hors d'oeuvres provided on the bus. We will also make a quick stop at one of the Service Centers on the Turnpike for you to stretch your legs, use the facilities, and purchase a quick bite to eat or a drink.

Each person may bring one box (write name on all sides) for your purchases. Scheduled times may vary. Must receive payment by August 13, 2019. Pay Kristina Brandt, 954-661-7261, kristina@shbrandt.com at the August meeting. Mail a check payable to Deerfield Beach Orchid Society to Kristina Brandt, 5311 NE 27th Avenue, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064, or call Cheryl at 954-464-8996 with your credit card information. Cost is \$55.00/person. Do not delay! The remaining few tickets go on sale to other orchid lovers on Wednesday, August 14.



# Speaker of the Month Hyla Levine



August 13, 2019

## "Basic Orchid Care and Repotting Techniques"

As an orchid hobbyist, Hyla Levine opened **Green Barn Orchid Supplies** in 2004 on the premises of Elegant Orchids in a charming 68 year old green barn in Delray Beach. The intention was to provide a destination to buy every possible orchid supply available for all the orchid enthusiasts. The products are varied and appeal to the growing needs of all the customers both in Florida and throughout the world. Green Barn is not only a location to buy orchid supplies but a locale to come with questions about your orchids, get your orchids repotted and also just to get excited about upcoming shows and whatever is in bloom this week.

Hyla speaks about enhancing your orchid growing with the proper supplies and beginning orchid classes at orchid societies, garden clubs as well as at Green Barn on basic orchid care and repotting techniques.

Silas Trevena, assistant manager for 10 years, does the second part of the presentation about repotting and mounting orchids.









You can contact **Hyla Levine** at: 5185 Conklin Drive Delray Beach, FL 33484 (561) 499-2810

website: www.greenbarnorchid.com



## **July Ribbon Winners**

Vanda Ratana x Vanda coerulea	Blue	Joe Ortlieb / Dennis Pearl
Vanda Golden Doubloon	Blue	Joe Ortlieb / Dennis Pearl
Cattleya Bactria "Grape Wax"	Blue	Joe Ortlieb / Dennis Pearl
Encyclia steinbachiana	Culture	Carol Ott
Bromocanthe Jamaican Fire	Culture	Susan Kolinsky
Renanthera Kalsom x Ascocenda Varuna Fucshia	Culture	Joe Ortlieb / Dennis Pearl

# Highlights From Our July Meeting Photos Courtesy of John Morris





















































































# Kappy Birthday



**August 02 Teresa Hammerbacher** 

**August 06 Peggy Noland** 

**August 23 Lucie Alessio** 

**August 23 Madeline Felton** 

**August 25 Joni Goldberg** 

**August 27 Sharon Taylor** 

**August 28 Juan Bofill** 

**August 28 Steve Brandt** 

**August 30 Elaine Mende** 

**August 31 Daniela Nikolova** 

A great big THANK YOU to PUBLIX for donating the refreshments for our meeting every month. There is nothing better than Publix pastries!

## Deerfield Beach Orchid Society Annual Social Events

These events may be held on the meeting date or on another day of the week instead of a general meeting.

I. March 2020 DBOS Annual Spring Picnic.

Chairperson: Dennis Pearl

Committee: Kristina Brandt, Jesus Hill & Lisa Sarno

- 2. March 10, 2020 DBOS 7th Annual Orchid Auction. Held at the Deerfield Beach Woman's Club Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Joe Ortlieb
- **3. April 2020** DBOS Annual Orchid Home Ramble.

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt

Committee: Vince & Debbie Dicks, Grace Holliday, Susan Kolinsky,

Joe Ortlieb & Dennis Pearl

4. Sept 14, 2019 DBOS Annual Bus Trip to Orchid Growers

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt

**5. Dec 7, 2019** DBOS Annual Holiday Party at the Croatian American Social Club. The Holiday Party is in place of our December monthly meeting.

Chairpersons: Cheryl Babcock & Kristina Brandt

Committee: Debbie Dicks, Madeline Felton, Grace Holliday & Linda Woodhouse

If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact Cheryl Babcock or Kristina Brandt.

DEERFIELD BEACH ORCHID SOCIETY
presents

ORCHID Obsession

8th Annual Orchid Show & Sale



November 16 and 17, 2019 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

General Admission \$5.00 Cash Only – Children under 12 Free



## Safe Schools Institute

1790 Spanish River Boulevard ~ Boca Raton, FL 33431 www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org deerfieldorchids@gmail.com

Orchid Obsession Orchid Art by Patti Resso

## **Annual Local Orchid Society Events**

#### October 25 to October 27, 2019

## **Delray Beach Orchid Society Annual Show & Sale**

What's the connection between Halloween and orchids? Both are weirdly wonderful and great fun, and both arrive at Old School Square each year in late October.

Our growers are generous with their expertise, so you can learn how to care for your acquisitions. Have fun participating in our raffles. Enjoy the work of budding artists from a local elementary school, inspired by the exotic beauty of our favorite flowers.

Old School Square Vintage Gymnasium Building, 51 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444—Free Parking

Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday 10am to 4pm http://www.delraybeachorchidsociety.org/

General Admission: \$5.00 per person, Children under 6 Free.

## November 16 to November 17, 2019

#### Deerfield Beach Orchid Society 8th Annual Show & Sale "Orchid Obsession"

The Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS) is holding its annual Orchid Show & Sale, Orchid Obsession, at the Safe Schools Institute in Boca Raton. Thousands of specimens from Florida growers will be for sale ensuring that these fascinating and exotic plants will be appropriate for your own backyard. Your spirits will be lifted when you see the spectacular table displays our vendors will be showcasing, which will be judged by American Orchid Society (AOS) judges on Saturday, November 16. Our non-orchid vendors will provide everything you need to grow beautiful orchids including pots and plant benches/stands.

SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33431—Free Parking

Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. https://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org/

General Admission: \$5.00 per person Cash Only (Credit cards accepted by vendors inside) Children under 12 Free.

## January 10,11, and 12, 2020

## Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society proudly presents their 62nd Annual Orchid Show & Sale "Orchid Vision 20/20"

Fort Lauderdale Convention Center—Free Parking

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. https://www.flos.org/society-activities/show/

General Admission: \$15.00 per person at the door. \$12.00 per person with coupon.

## February 8 to February 9, 2020 Boca Raton Orchid Society "Valentine's "Orchid Show & Sale

Featuring Florida & Hawaii Orchid Growers, Orchid Displays & Sales.

SAFE SCHOOLS INSTITUTE, Don Estridge Middle School campus, 1798 Spanish River Boulevard- Free Parking

Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.brosonline.org

General Admission: \$5.00 per person Cash Only (Credit cards accepted by vendors inside) Children 12 & under FREE.

## **Renew Your DBOS Membership for 2019**

We thank all of our members for their participation in our meetings, social activities, and continued support of DBOS. We sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm for our monthly speakers and raffle drawings, willingness to bring in your plants for judging so we can all enjoy them, and sharing your love of orchids and best practices with your fellow members.

We are starting our membership drive for 2019. Our dues structure has not increased. Anyone who joined DBOS in October-December 2018 will not have to pay dues for 2019. What a deal!

<u>Renewals</u>	<u>New Members</u>		
Individual	\$20.00 yr.	Individual	\$25.00 yr.
Couples	\$30.00 yr.	Couples	\$35.00 yr.
Jr. Membership	\$ 5.00 yr.	Jr. Membership	\$10.00 yr.

You are encouraged to bring a guest to our meetings who shares your love and enthusiasm for these lovely plants and gets to know our members and learn more about this "wonderful addiction".

Thank you for another terrific year. Our membership has grown this year, and we welcome all of our new members as well as our longtime supporters. We hope you have enjoyed the year as much as we have and will renew your membership for 2019. We will be collecting 2019 membership dues at the January and February 2019 meetings. Stop at the membership table and pay Linda Woodhouse who is in charge of membership. If you plan to mail your dues, please do so by March 12, 2019.

Mail your dues payable to: Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

PO Box 732

Deerfield Beach, FL 33443

## Please Like Our Facebook Page



## Win FREE Raffle Tickets for You and Your Guest(s)

The chances of you winning a stunning orchid or other enticing item off our monthly raffle table are much greater than your chances of winning the lottery? We all like the opportunity to win a new orchid for our collection so why not bring a guest to our next meeting? Guests are welcome at all of our meetings and events. Your guest(s) will each receive five FREE raffle tickets. After a guest visits the monthly meetings twice and wants to continue attending meetings, we respectfully ask them to become a member and pay the annual dues. If a guest joins in, October, November or December 2019 this will include their 2020 membership dues as well.

BONUS: If your guest joins the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, you will receive 10 FREE raffle tickets!

## Top Reasons to Join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society

In addition to access to our orchid library, insightful and informative web page, and occasional plant sale

#### **Monthly Events**

- AOS & DBOS Member Prize Drawings
- Guest Speakers
- Judging/Awarding of Ribbons for Member's Orchids
- Newsletter
- Orchid Raffles
- Plant Sales

#### **Annual Events**

- Auction
- Bus Trip to Orchid Growers
- Holiday Party
- Home Orchid Ramble
- Orchid Obsession, Show & Sale
- Picnic

For further information on how to join the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society (DBOS), please contact Linda Woodhouse, DBOS Membership Chair, at deerfieldorchid@gmail.com or call 954-234-4623

JUST A REMINDER: Use of the membership roster is limited to the Deerfield Beach Orchid Society, American Orchid Society and affiliated society news dissemination only. Use of the roster for commercial purposes is prohibited and is cause for cancellation of membership for misuse.

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1/2 page: \$15 per month or \$150 per year

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## **Calendar of Meetings**

#### 2nd Monday Every Month 7:30 PM

## Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society

Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall
1955 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, Fl

https://www.flos.org/

#### 2nd Tuesday Every Month 7:30 PM

#### **Deerfield Beach Orchid Society**

Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach 910 E. Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, Fl 33441

https://www.deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org/

#### 2nd Wednesday Every Month 7:00 PM

#### **Delray Beach Orchid Society**

The Adult Recreation Center in Veterans Park 802 NE First Street, Delray Beach, FL.

http://www.delraybeachorchidsociety.org/

## 2nd Thursday Every Month 7:30 PM

## **Boca Raton Orchid Society**

Safe Schools Institute -Don Estridge Middle School

1790 NW Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL.

www.brosonline.org/

https://www.facebook.com/BocaOrchid/

#### **Ist Thursday Every Month 7:30 PM**

#### **South Broward Orchid Society**

Taft Street Baptist Church 7241 Taft Street, Hollywood, FL 33024

## **2019 Committee Positions**

AOS Representatives Rick Bellas

Joe Ortlieb

Advertising Raquel Carles

**Dennis Pearl** 

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Kristina Brandt

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Sunshine Lois Larson

Webmaster Joe Ortlieb

**Terry Morkert** 

#### **Sunshine Committee**

Did you know that we have a **Sunshine Committee?** Lois Larson is kind enough to send a card to any society member that is ill or in the hospital. If you know of someone that could use a little uplifting card, please contact Lois either by phone 954-782-2314 or email at **loisj2200@yahoo.com**